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BLACK CROSS

The fateful day that would change China forever has arrived, as General Chiang Kai-Shek's army arrives in the city of Shanghai. Blood runs in the streets, and all who can seek shelter...

Black Cross has finally discovered the source of the corruption in the Templar Order, but before he can restore balance, his own past actions come back to haunt him...

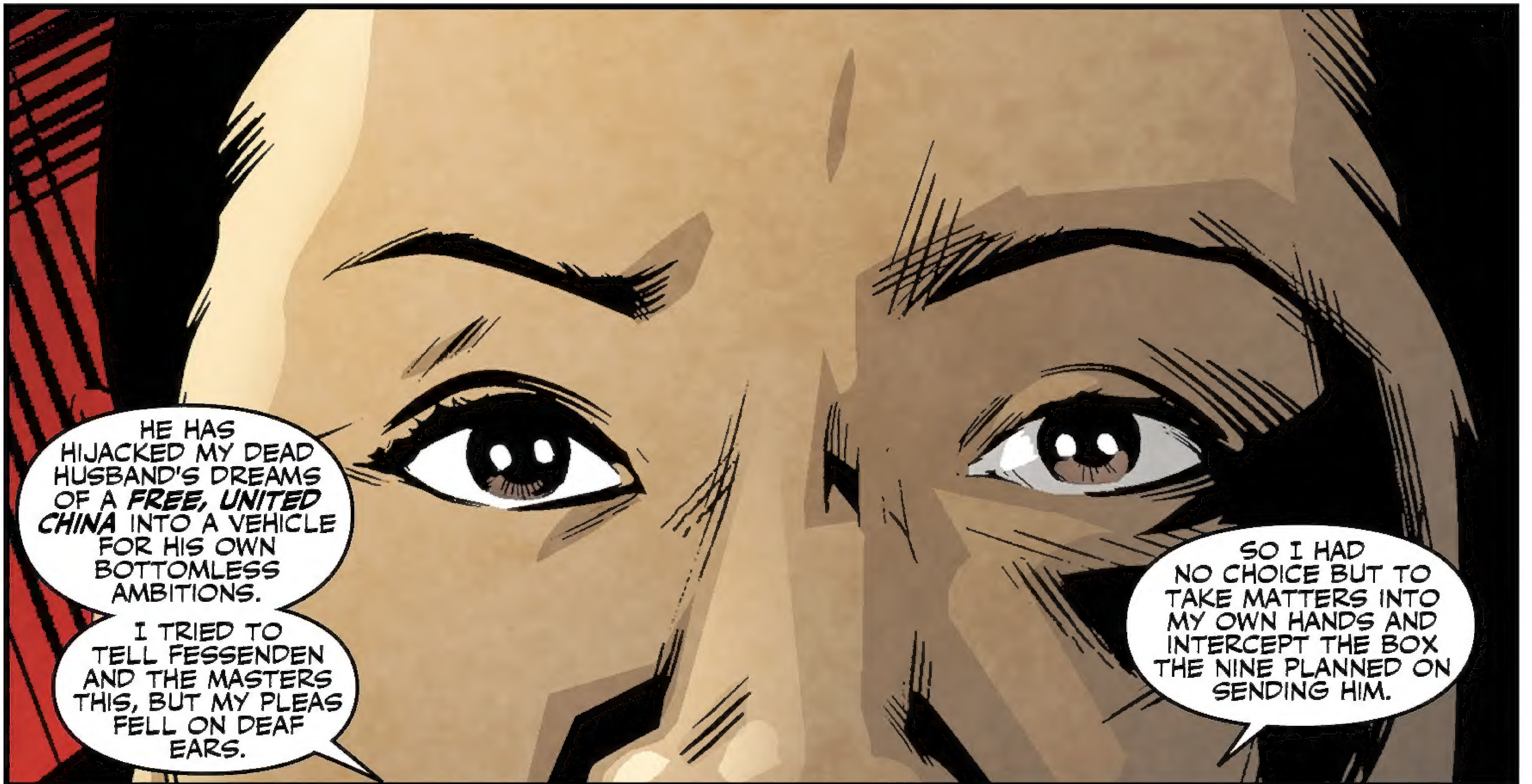


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VILLA OF DU YUESHENG, SHANGHAI -
FRENCH CONCESSION - April 12, 1927

SKKRREEEEEEEE



YAAAAHHH!

SKASSSH

SKKRRNNCHCHSSS

NGGGG...
KEGGGG....



⟨PRESENTED
WITH THE SIGN OF
THE **BLACK CROSS**,
THE GUILTY ALWAYS
RUN.⟩

⟨BECAUSE,
AT LAST, YOU HAVE
UNDERSTANDING.⟩

⟨OF YOUR
PERFIDY.⟩



⟨AND ITS
CONSEQUENCES.⟩

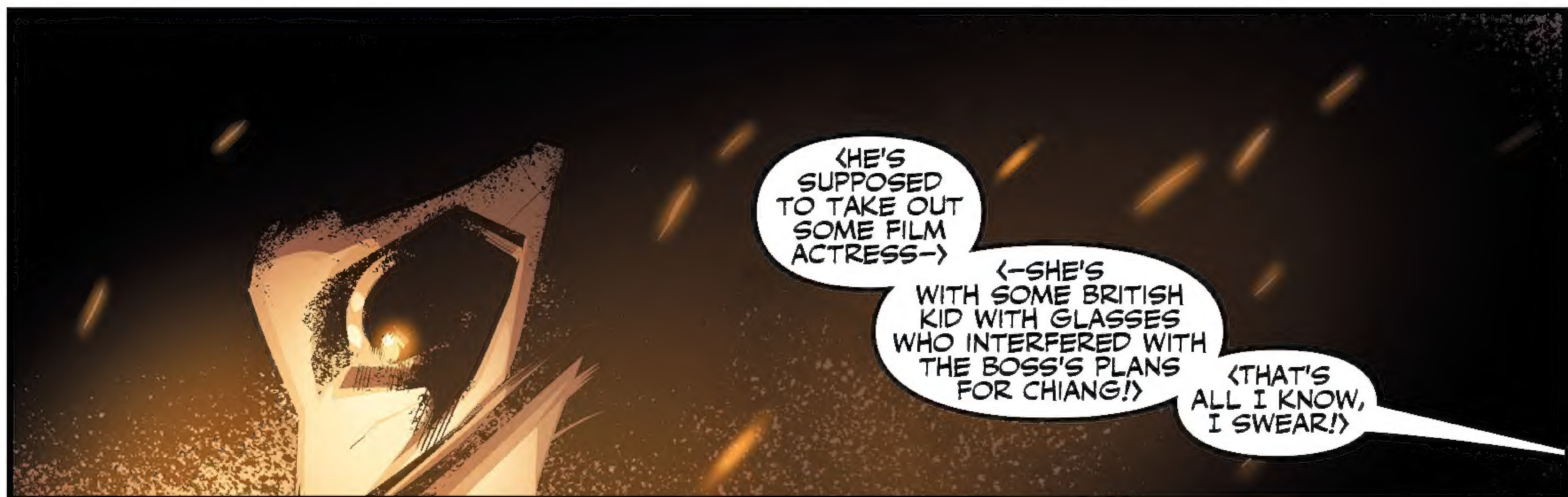
GGGK-
GAAA!

⟨NO -
DON'T HURT
ME! I'M JUST
A DRIVER!⟩



⟨YOUR
CONVOY - IS
IT FOR THE
GENERAL-⟩

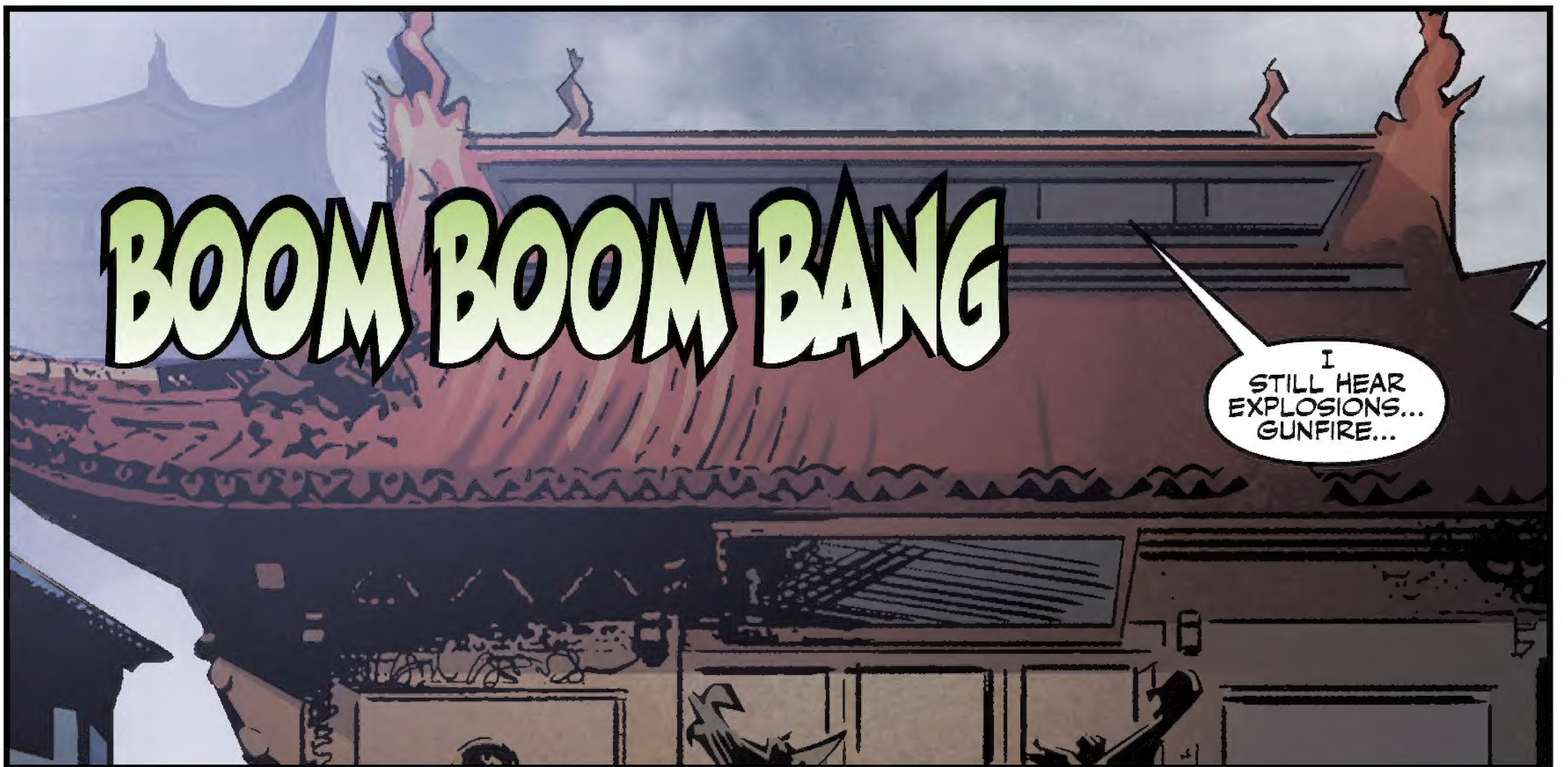
⟨NO -
IT'S TO BACK UP
FLOWERY FLAG - AT
THE TEMPLE OF THE
CITY GODS-⟩



⟨HE'S
SUPPOSED
TO TAKE OUT
SOME FILM
ACTRESS-⟩

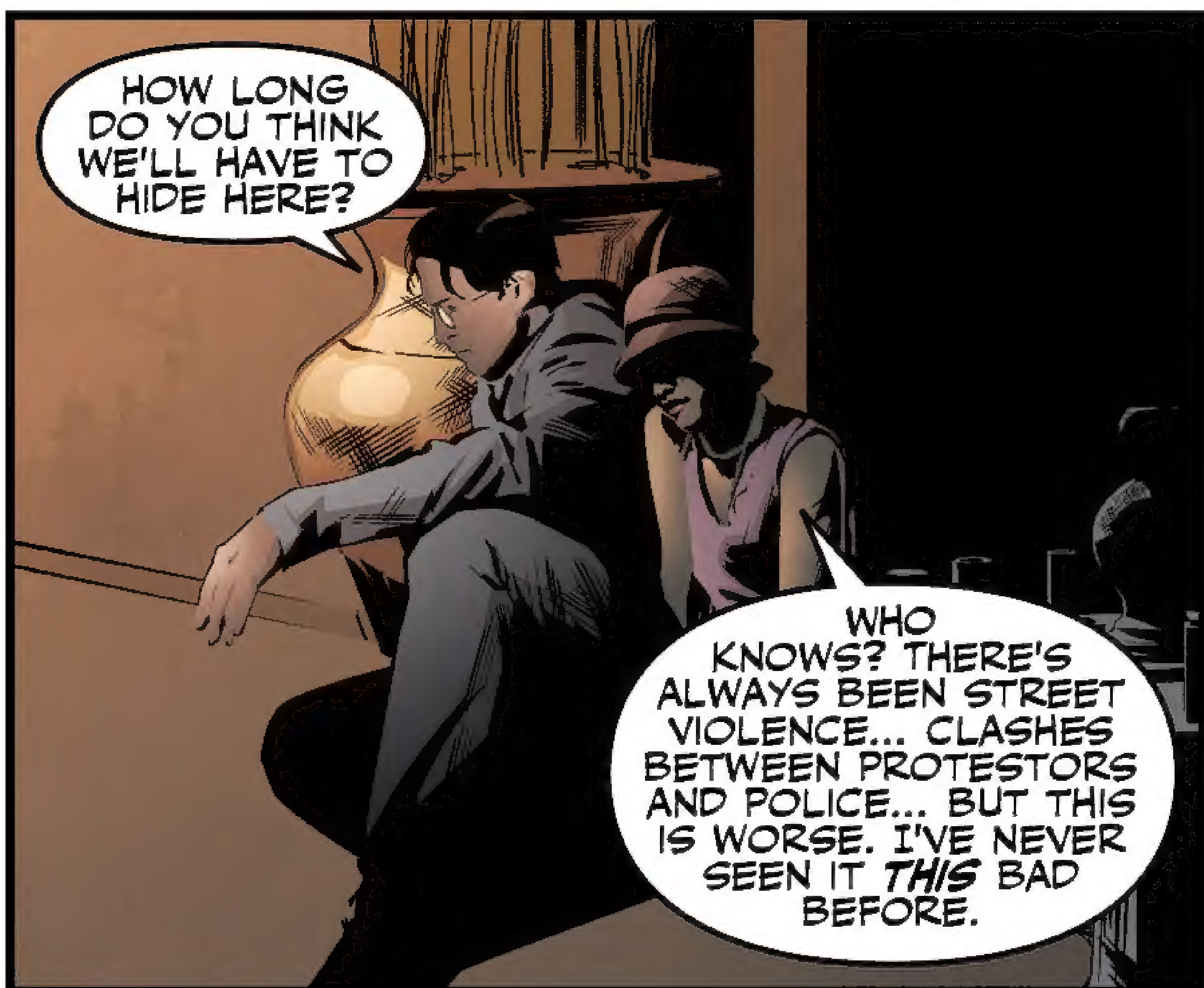
⟨-SHE'S
WITH SOME BRITISH
KID WITH GLASSES
WHO INTERFERED WITH
THE BOSS'S PLANS
FOR CHIANG!⟩

⟨THAT'S
ALL I KNOW,
I SWEAR!⟩



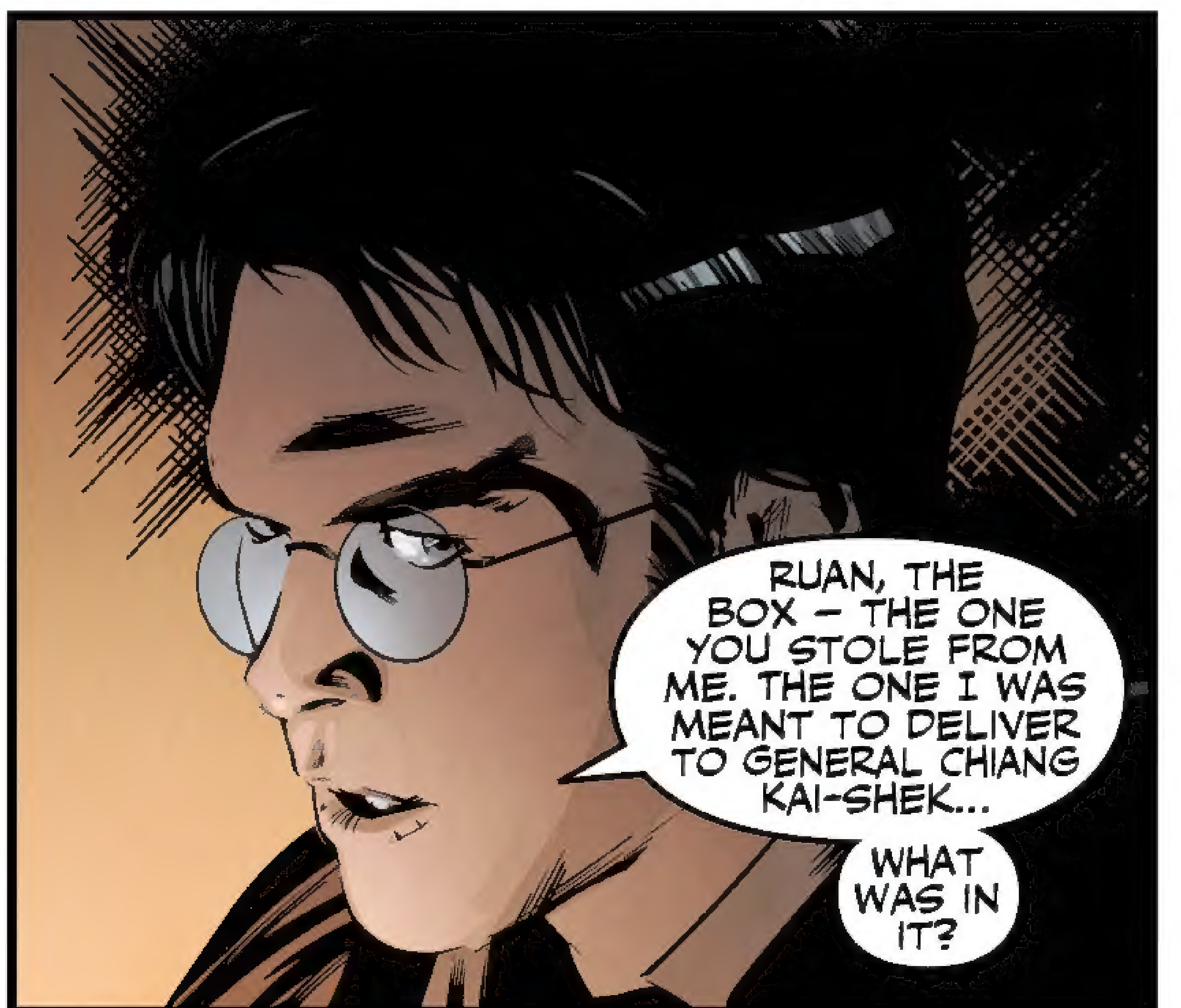
BOOM BOOM BANG

I
STILL HEAR
EXPLOSIONS...
GUNFIRE...



HOW LONG
DO YOU THINK
WE'LL HAVE TO
HIDE HERE?

WHO
KNOWS? THERE'S
ALWAYS BEEN STREET
VIOLENCE... CLASHES
BETWEEN PROTESTORS
AND POLICE... BUT THIS
IS WORSE. I'VE NEVER
SEEN IT *THIS* BAD
BEFORE.



RUAN, THE
BOX - THE ONE
YOU STOLE FROM
ME. THE ONE I WAS
MEANT TO DELIVER
TO GENERAL CHIANG
KAI-SHEK...

WHAT
WAS IN
IT?



ARE
YOU SURE
YOU WANT TO
KNOW?

IT'S
DISGUSTING.

I DON'T
EVEN WANT TO
THINK ABOUT WHAT
SORT OF PEOPLE
KEEP SUCH...
TROPHIES? RELICS?
WHO KNOWS.

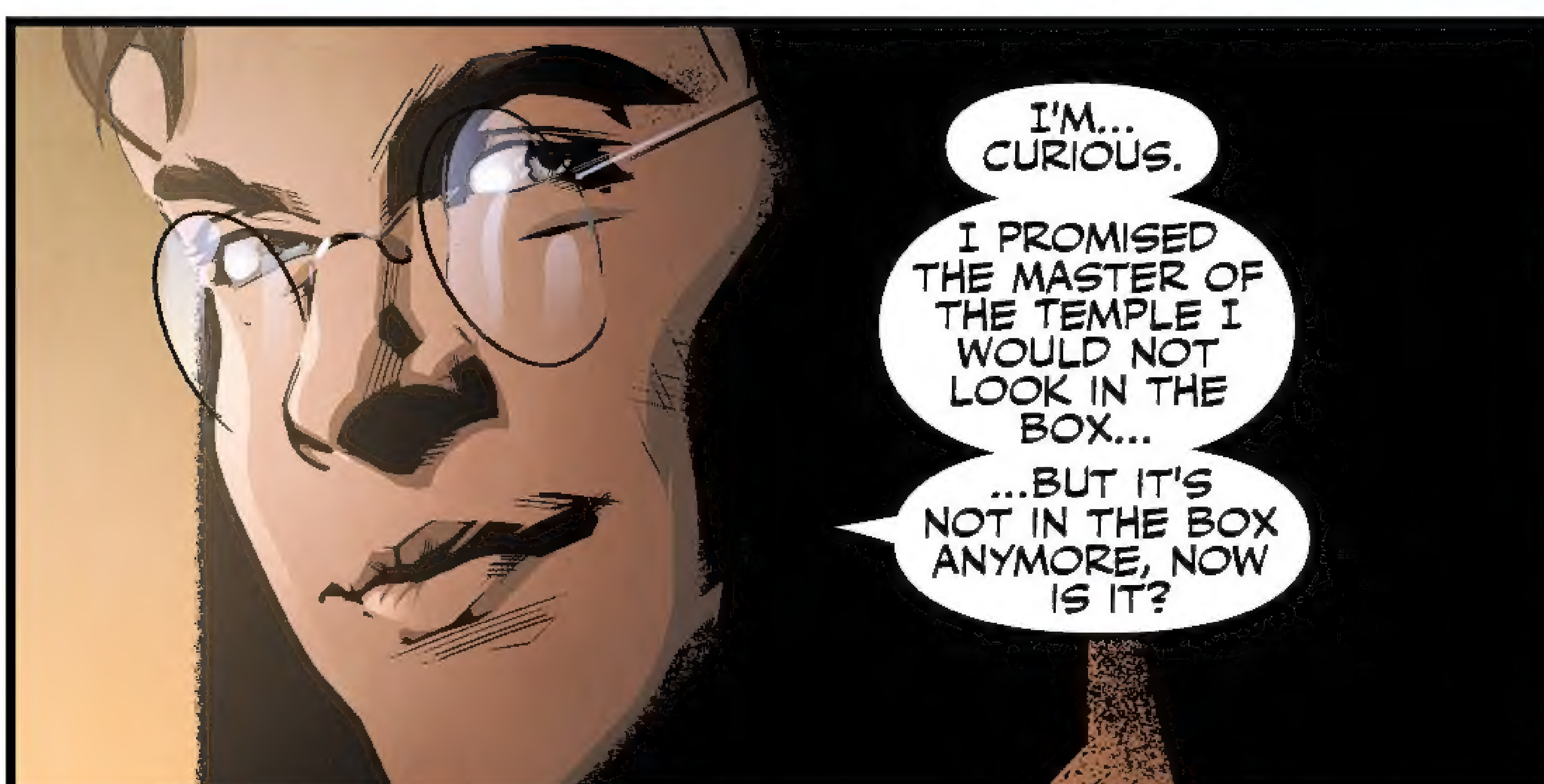


HERE...
YOU TAKE
IT.

IT MAKES
ME SICK JUST
TO HAVE IT ON
MY BODY.

THERE'S
THIS NOTE...
AND...

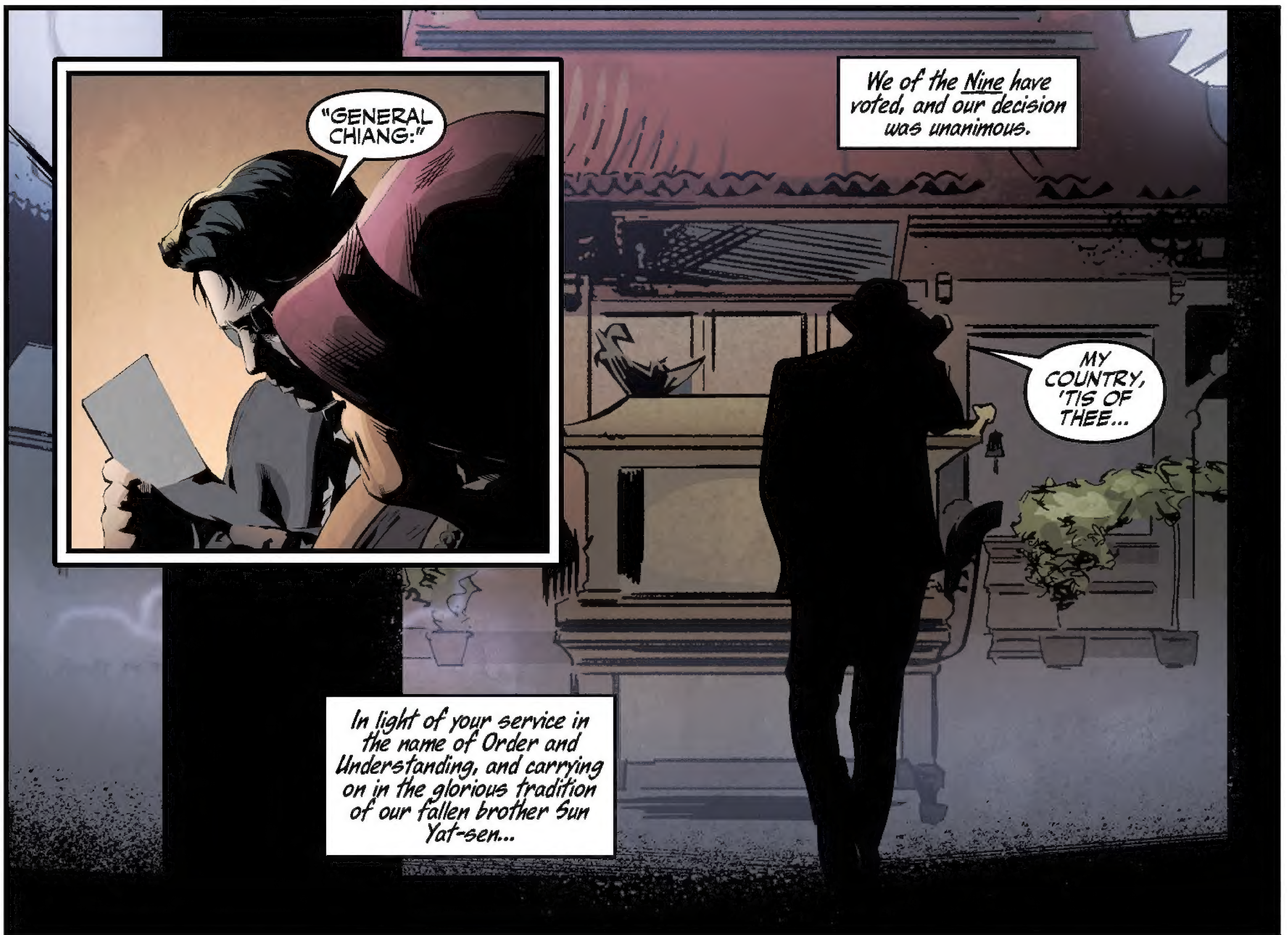
...THIS.



I'M...
CURIOUS.

I PROMISED
THE MASTER OF
THE TEMPLE I
WOULD NOT
LOOK IN THE
BOX...

...BUT IT'S
NOT IN THE BOX
ANYMORE, NOW
IS IT?



"GENERAL CHIANG:"

We of the Nine have voted, and our decision was unanimous.

MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE...

In light of your service in the name of Order and Understanding, and carrying on in the glorious tradition of our fallen brother Sun Yat-sen...



...we are honored to admit you into the Templars as a Grand Master, like your predecessor.

We keep the number of Grand Masters strictly limited, you understand...



...SWEET LAND OF LIBERTY...

...but a position recently opened up when our Black Cross had to remove one for crimes against us.



As a sign of our serious intent, we are sending his own son to deliver his Templar ring to you...

WHAT...?









TkTk
TkTk

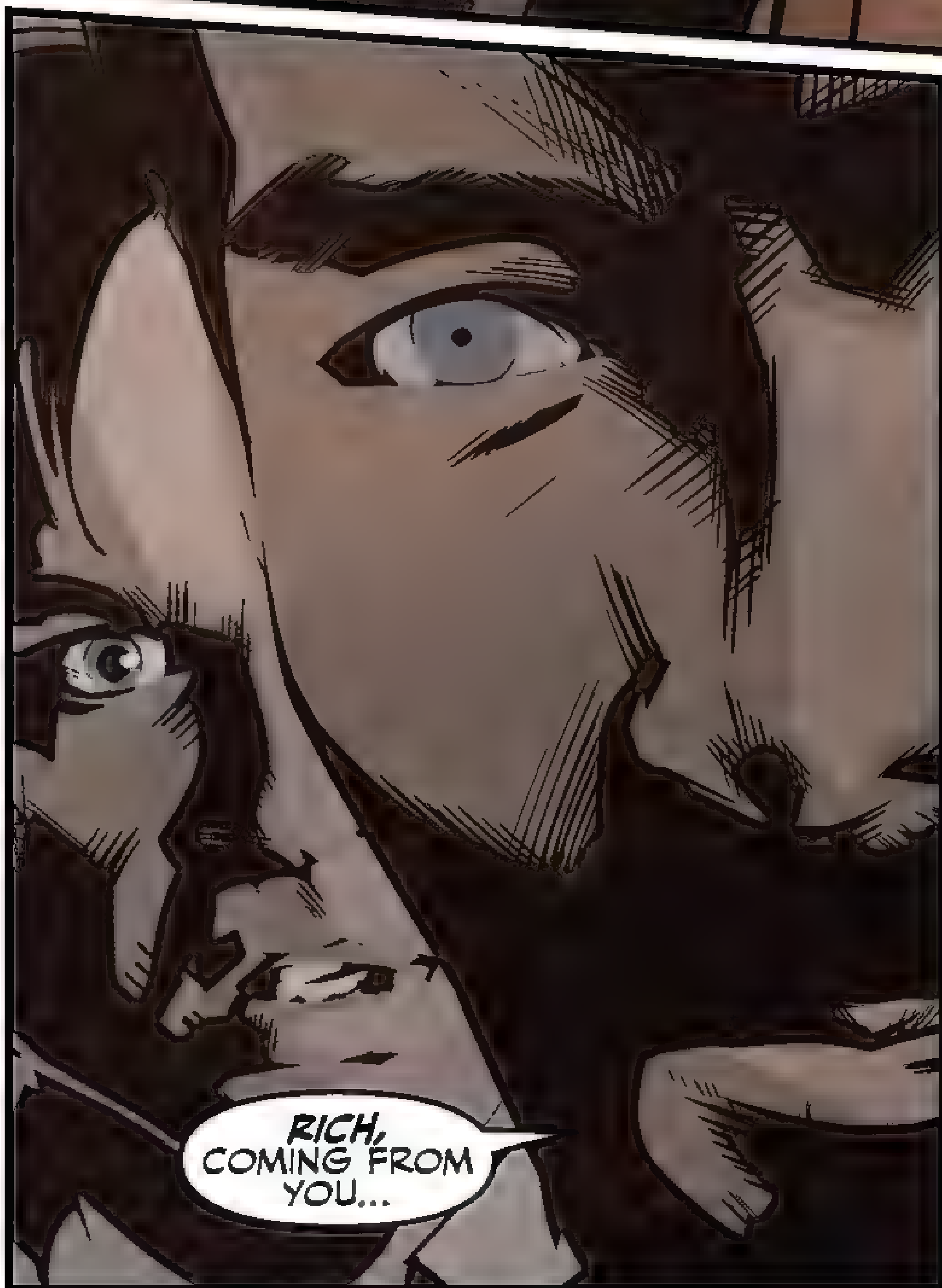
WHA-?



"FLOWERY
FLAG," HUH?

YOU
FRIENDS
WITH "FIERY
CROW?"

FOR
GANGSTERS,
DU SURE GIVES
YOU CREATIVE
NAMES.



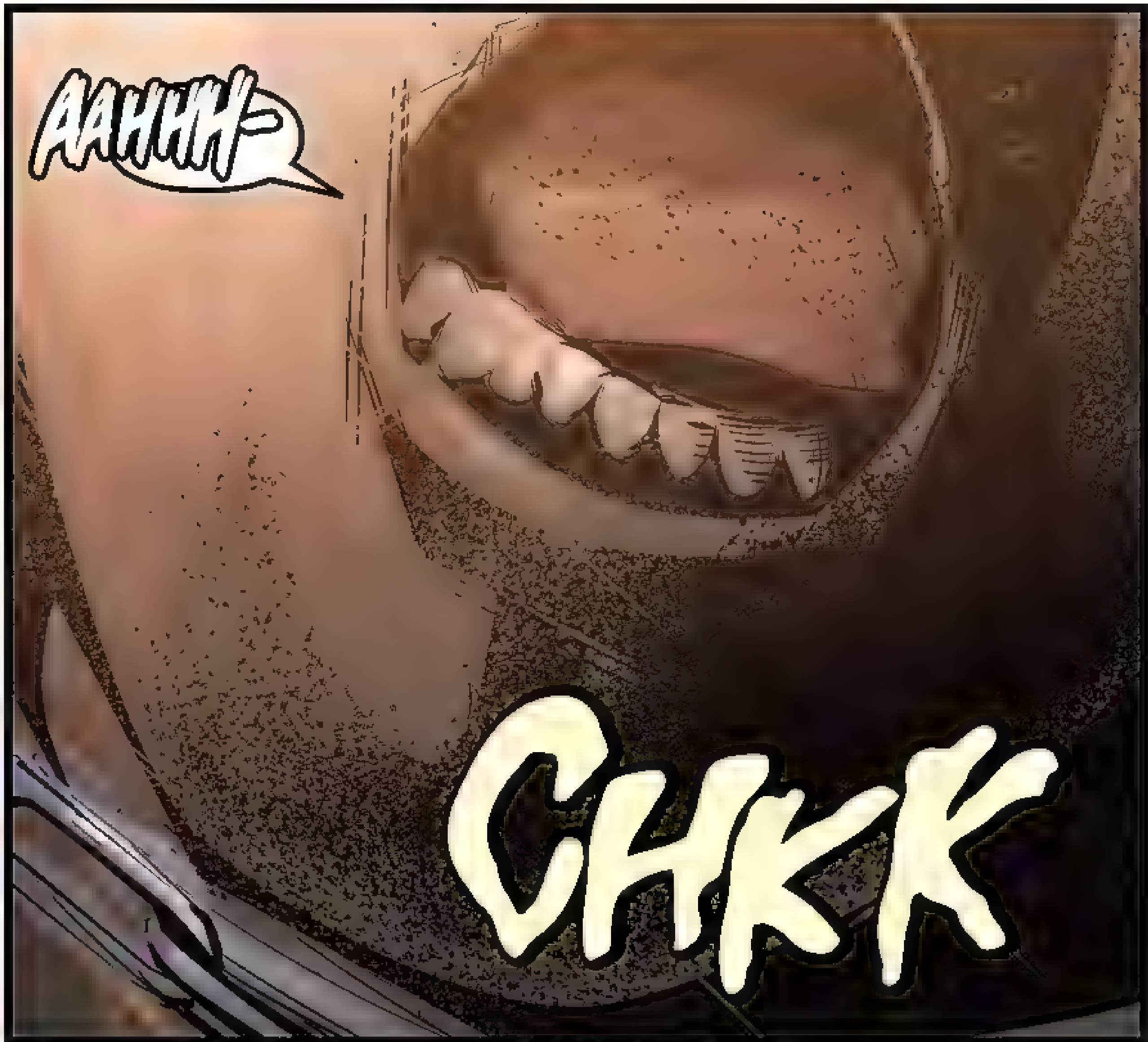
RICH,
COMING FROM
YOU...



..."BLACK
CROSS."

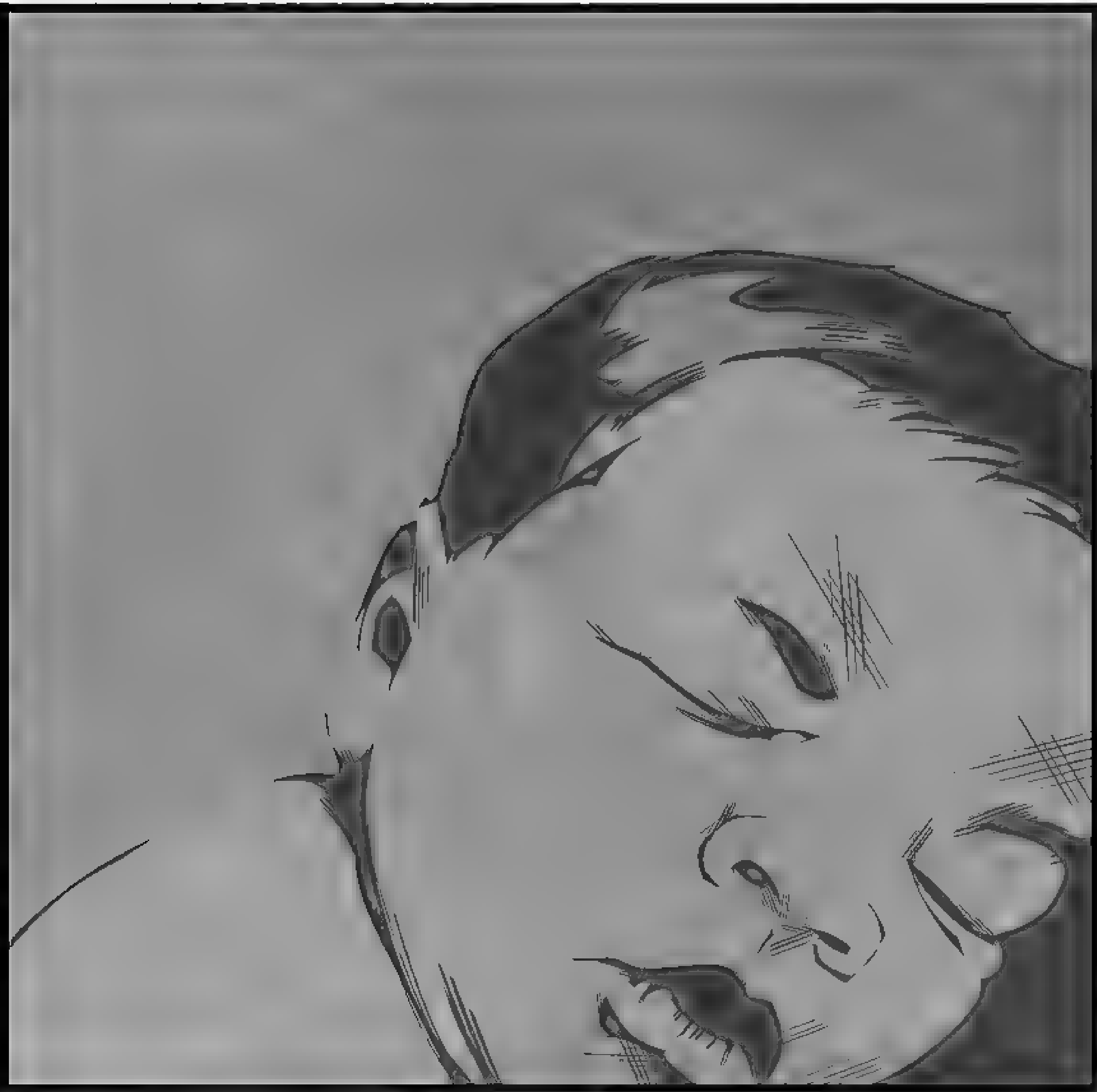


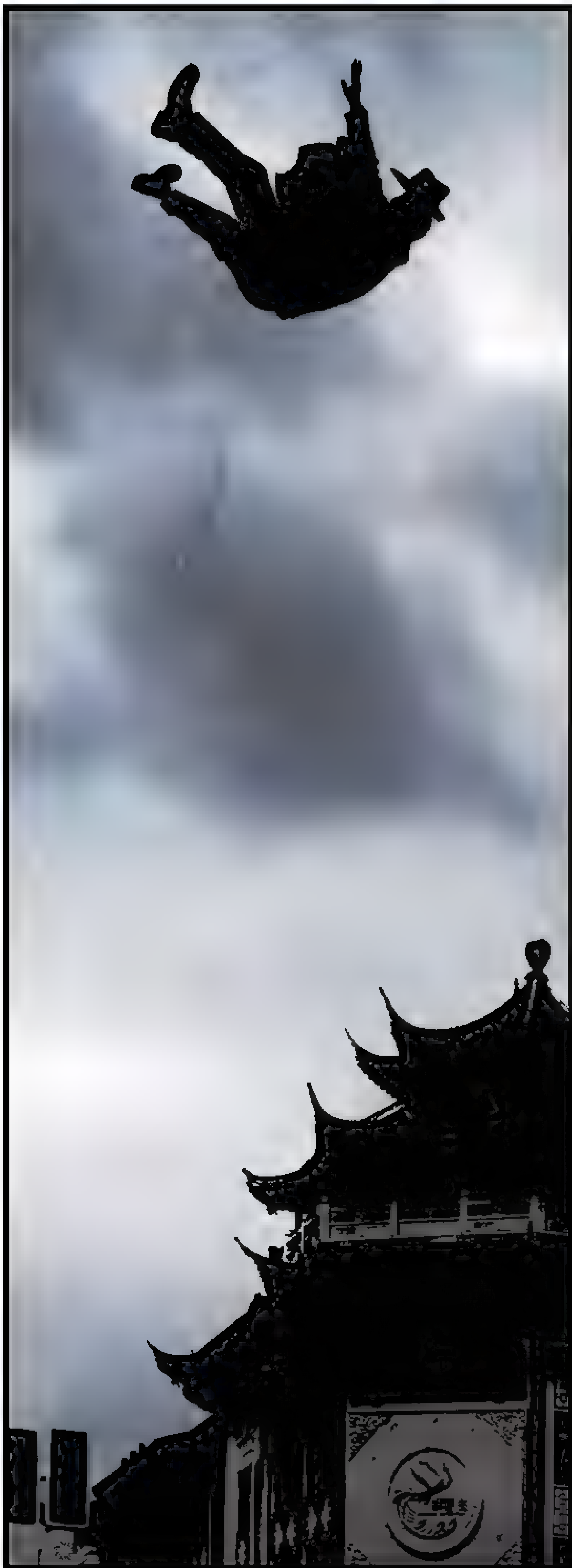












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DESYNCHRONIZED

>SIGH<

NO LUCK,
BOSS?

PEASANTS
PUT THEIR FAITH IN
LUCK, VIOLET.

TEMPLARS
TRUST IN REASONED
APPLICATIONS OF SKILL
AND KNOWLEDGE.

YOU KNOW
WHAT'S SAD,
OTSO?

YOU MISSED
YOUR **TRUE** CALLING
WRITING **GREETING**
CARDS.

FORGIVE
ME IF I'M NOT
IN THE MOOD FOR
YOUR LEGENDARY
SENSE OF
HUMOR.

WE ARE
ON A **SCHEDULE**
HERE, AND THIS IS
A **SETBACK.**

REALLY?

THE
MEMORIES OF
DARIUS GIFT AND
ALBIE BOLDEN WERE
A COMPLETE GOOSE
CHASE?

I CAN THINK OF NO OTHER WAY TO DESCRIBE THEM.

THE CONTENTS OF THE SHANGHAI BOX WAS NOT, AS **LINEAGE DISCOVERY AND ACQUISITION** HAD HOPED, THE **KOH-I-NOOR**.

INTEL GATHERED FROM OUR RAIDS IN INDIA SUGGESTS THE MAN KNOWN AS THE **BLACK CROSS** WAS THE LAST PERSON TO POSSESS THIS **PIECE OF EDEN**.

BUT ALBERT BOLDEN, THE LAST MAN TO BE **BLACK CROSS**, DISAPPEARED AFTER THIS INCIDENT IN SHANGHAI, AND HE HAS NOT BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE.

DID HE DIE HERE? MOST LIKELY HE DID. BUT OF THIS I CANNOT BE CERTAIN.

WE HAVE ONLY A MEAGER AMOUNT OF HIS GENETIC MATERIAL. THIS WAS ALL **HELIX** COULD GLEAN FROM IT.

WE HAVE THE COMPLETE GENETIC MATERIAL OF DARIUS GIFT TO CROSS-REFERENCE ...

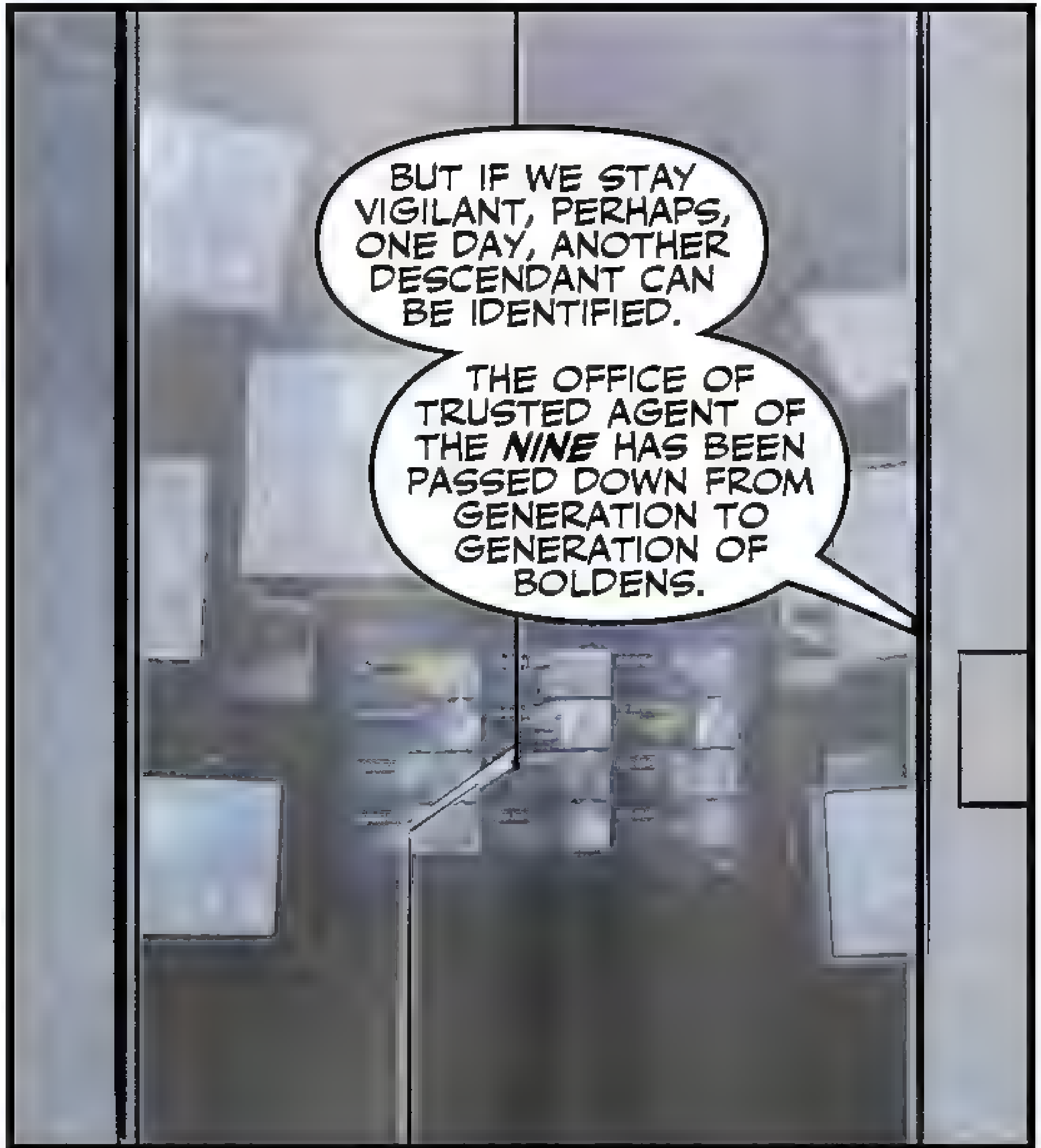
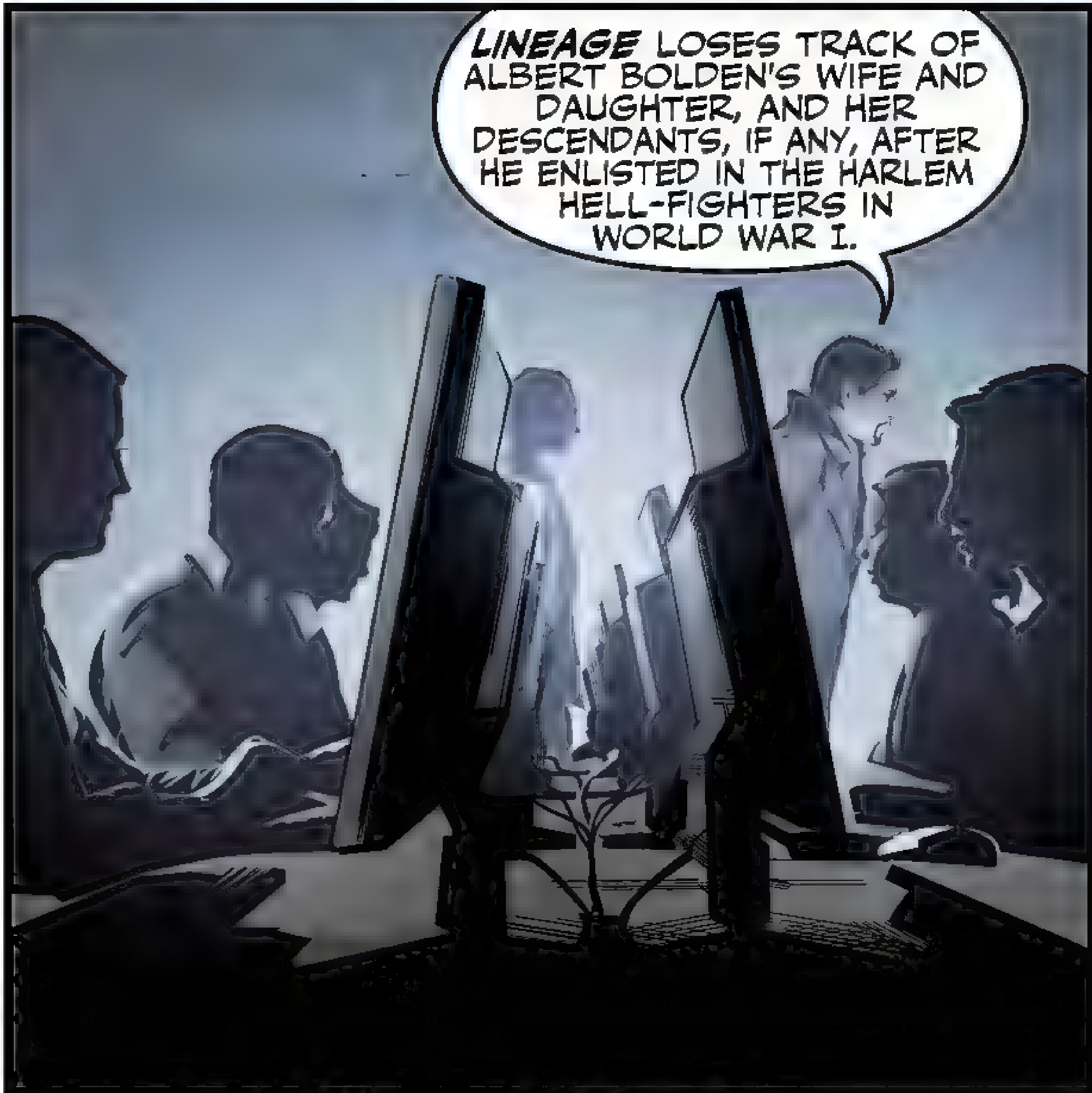
...AS HIS FAMILY HAS REMAINED USEFUL TO THE ORDER EVEN WITH HIS IMPETUOUS ATTEMPTED **MURDER** OF ONE OF OUR AGENTS...

...BUT STILL, NEITHER OF THEIR MEMORIES GIVE ANY INDICATION OF **WHERE** THE **KOH-I-NOOR** MAY LIE **NOW**.

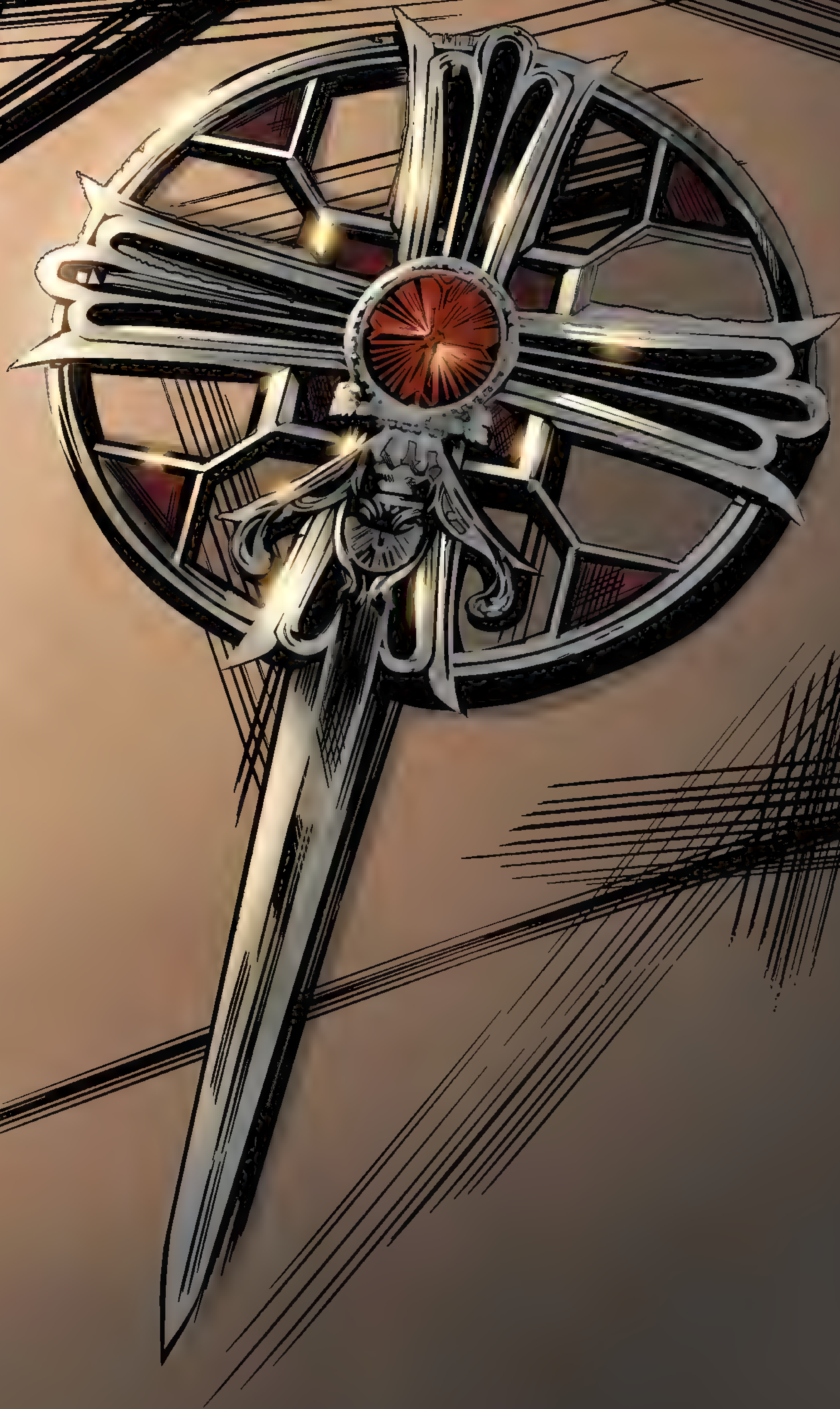
DARIUS GIFT - 100% SYNCHRONIZATION
ALBERT BOLDEN - 3.16% SYNCHRONIZATION
ALL MEMORIES EXTRACTED - CANNOT SYNCHRONIZE

HELIX

DESYNCHRONIZED



"...IT MAY
SOON BE TIME
FOR THE **BLACK
CROSS** TO BE
REBORN."



TO BE CONTINUED...

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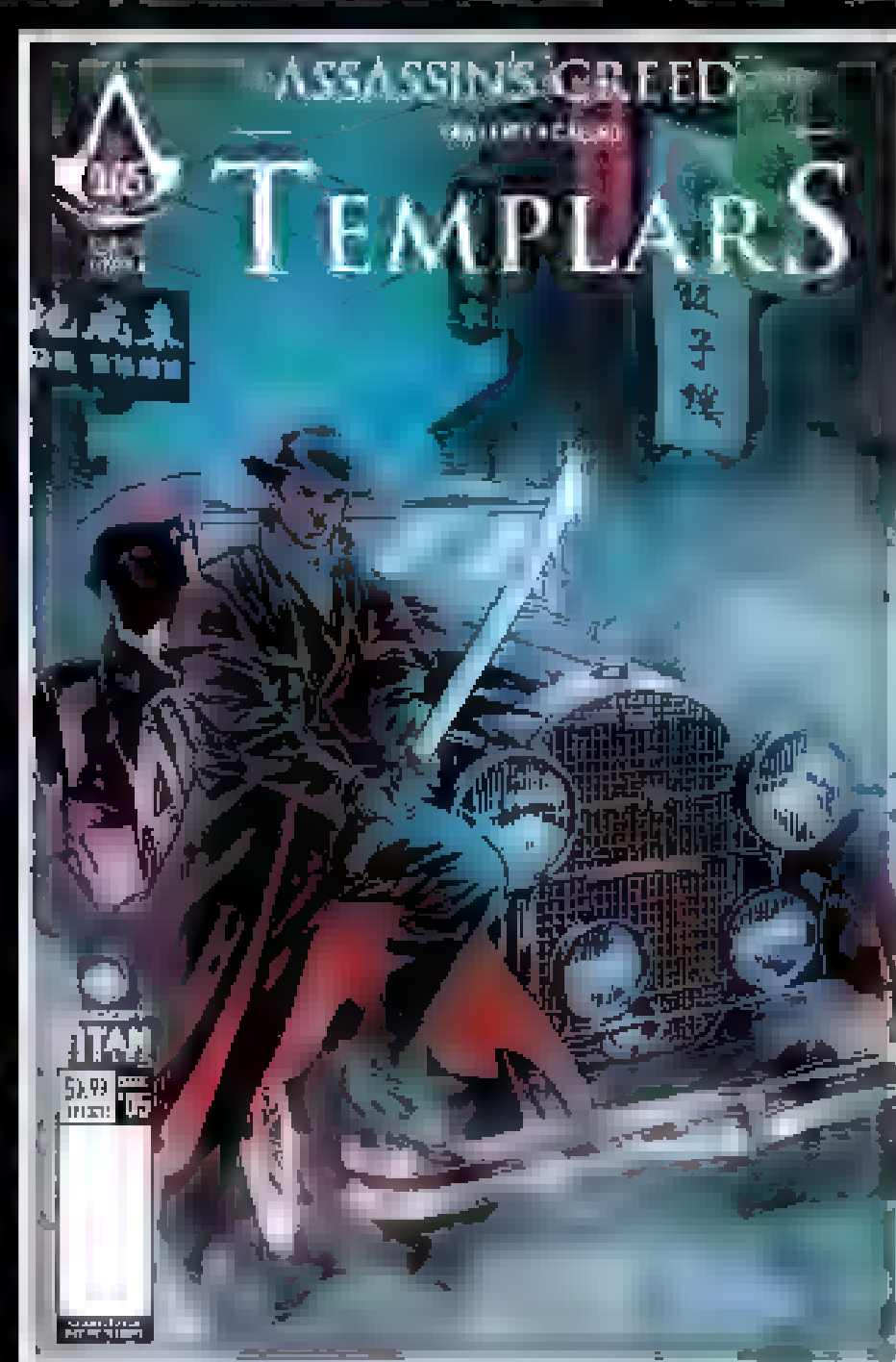
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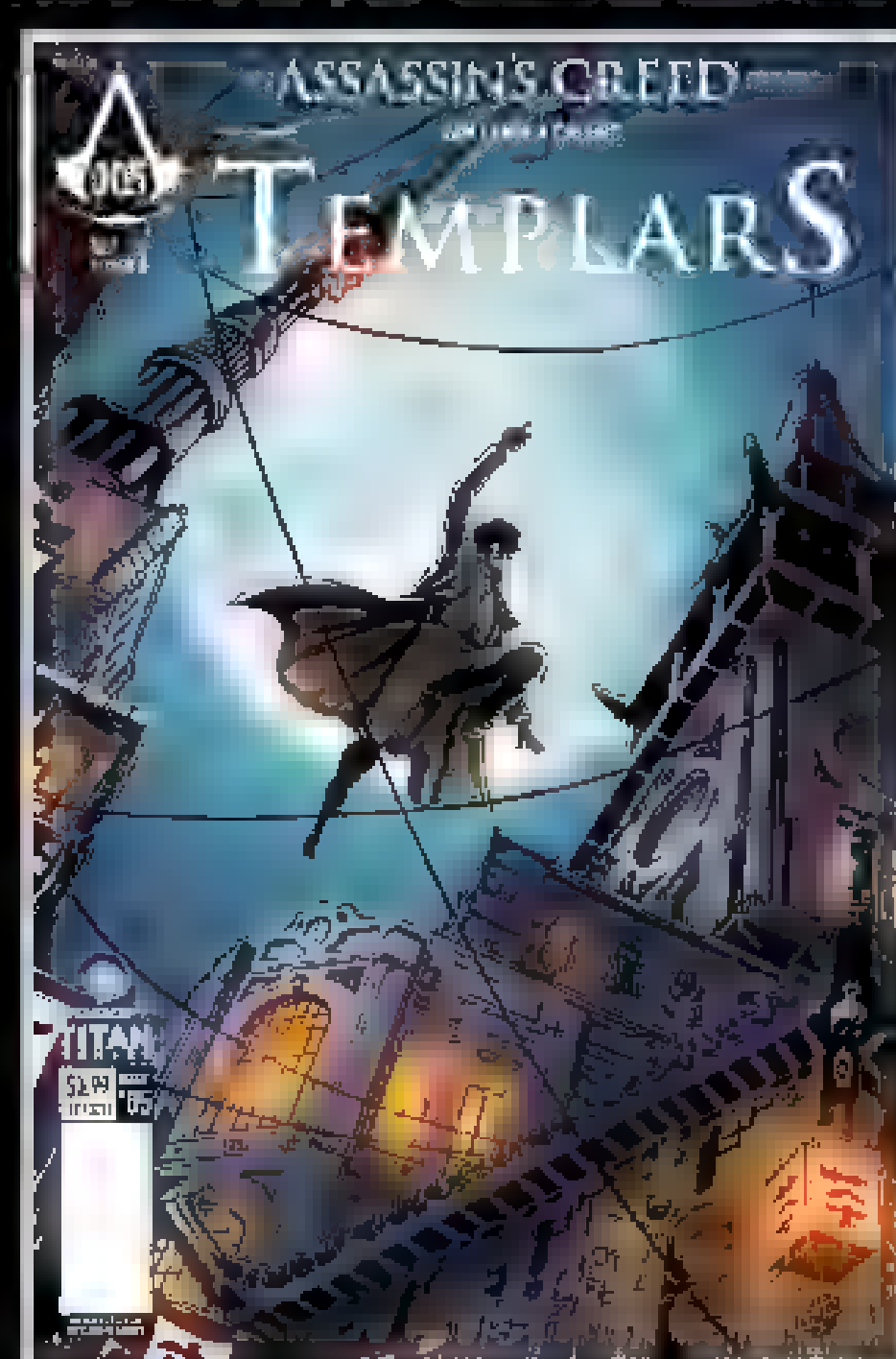
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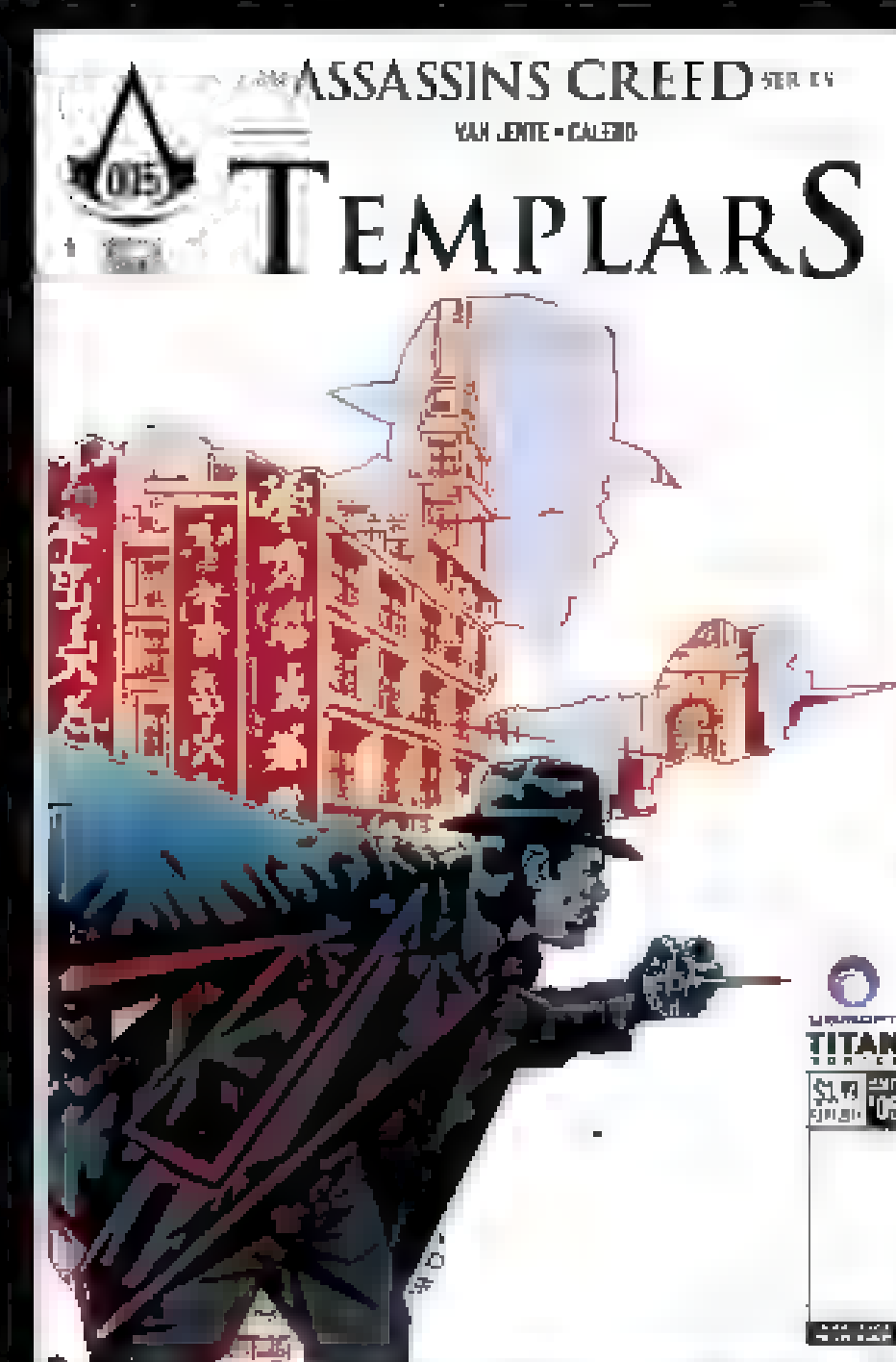
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On April 12, 1927, the course of Chinese history was changed forever when General Chiang Kai Shek, leader of the Nationalist army, conclusively split with the Communist Party of China. Marshaling his troops, the Nationalist army carried out a purge of Communist Party members and supporters in the streets of Shanghai. An estimated 400 people lost their lives, but at least 5,000 were recorded as missing. The Purge, as it became known, laid the groundwork for what were to be some of the most turbulent years of Chinese history.



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